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| For: RAMAN-ENHANCING, AND NON-LINEAR OPTICALLY ACTIVE NANO-SIZED OPTICAL LABELS AND USES THEREOF |                       | )<br>)<br>)                    |

## PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Sir:

The above-identified applicants respectfully request that the specification be amended prior to examination as follows:

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2.

Remarks begin on page 3.

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being electronically filed with the Commissioner for Patents, Mail Stop: PCT, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 on September 8, 2006.

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